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**MAYOR PEREZ HOSTS  
“CLASS OF 2005” COLLEGE GRADUATES**

(Hartford, CT)--- Mayor Eddie A. Perez is proud to host the Second Annual College Graduates Celebration. The City will honor Hartford residents who have earned a Bachelors, Masters, or Doctoral degree on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. The ceremony will take place starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. This event is part of the Mayor’s Higher Education Initiative--- promoting a college degree as one of the keys to a brighter economic future.

The Department of Health and Human Services is coordinating the list of those Hartford residents who have worked so hard to earn a four-year or advanced degree in either December 2004 or spring of 2005. If you are one of these graduates--- or you know someone who is--- you are being asked to contact Carmen Sanchez in HHS Director Ramon Rojano’s office at (860) 543-8860. The deadline is on or before June 3<sup>rd</sup>.